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C O N F I D E N T I A L GENEVA 12478

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT: MEMBERSHIP

1. AT A LUNCHEON HOSTED BY UN SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM, ATTENDED BY UNGA PRESIDENT MOJSOV, REPRESENTATIVES OF THE US, UK, USSR, CHINA, FRANCE, AND MEXICO, SECRETARY-GENERAL GOT QUICKLY TO ISSUE OF MEMBERSHIP IN CD. REFERRING TO OBVIOUS AMBIGUITIES IN PARA 120 OF THE SSOD FINAL DOCUMENT, HE STATED THAT IT WAS ADVISABLE TO HAVE DISCUSSIONS BEGINNING AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WALDHEIM MADE CLEAR THIS WAS NOT A MEETING OF CCD, MERELY A MEETING OF PEOPLE IN GENEVA WHO HAD INTEREST IN THE FUTURE COMPOSITION OF CD. DISCUSSION TOOK LINE THAT FIRST AGREEMENT SHOULD BE ON NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CD MEMBERS, FISHER BEING ONLY MILD DISSENTER, STATING THAT NUMBERS AND WHO MADE UP THE NUMBERS COULD NOT BE DISSOCIATED. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSIONS, FRENCH PERMREP (HESSEL) MADE POINT THAT WHILE FRANCE HAD NOT MADE A FORMAL DECISION AS TO PARTICIPATING IN CD, HE HAD NO DOUBT BUT THAT THAT DECISION WOULD BE IN AFFIRMATIVE. CHINESE REP TOOK PART IN DISCUSSION IN FRIENDLY MANNER, BUT REMAINED NON-COMMITTAL. GENERAL CONSENSUS WAS THAT COMPOSITION OF

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CD SHOULD BE ARRIVED AT BEFORE SEPTEMBER 19.

2. MOJSOV, IN ADDITION TO HOSTING A LUNCH ON AUGUST 16 (GENEVA 12292), HAS ASKED FISHER AND OTHERS TO MEET WITH HIM INDIVIDUALLY ON THE SAME DAY. HE OBVIOUSLY WISHES TO HAVE BROADEST POSSIBLE CONSULTATIONS WHILE IN GENEVA.

3. DURING WALDHEIM LUNCH, GARCIA ROBLES STATED IT CLEAR WHO THE FIVE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS SHOULD BE, AND THE ISSUE WAS WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE EIGHT. IN MEETING WITH FISHER FOLLOWING LUNCH, GARCIA ROBLES WAS CLEAR THERE SHOULD BE EIGHT BECAUSE HE FELT NOT POSSIBLE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENT ON ANY OTHER BASIS. STARTING OUT WITH NOTION THAT WEST WAS STRONGLY PRESSING FOR AUSTRALIA, HE INDICATED THAT SOVS WOULD INSIST ON FRIEND OF THEIRS, NOTABLY CUBA. HE INDICATED FURTHER, HOWEVER, THAT LATIN AMERICANS WOULD NOT SETTLE FOR JUST CUBA BUT WOULD ALSO STRONGLY SUPPORT VENEZUELA. AS TO THE REST OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, GARCIA ROBLES SUGGESTED THERE SHOULD BE AT LEAST TWO NEW AFRICANS, INCLUDING ALGERIA AND ONE BLACK AFRICAN. ALTHOUGH VAGUE AS TO WHO SHOULD BE INCLUDED FROM THE FAR EAST, HE MENTIONED ON A PERSONAL BASIS SRI LANKA AND POSSIBLY INDONESIA. GARCIA ROBLES FINALLY INDICATED POSSIBILITY OF FINLAND OR AUSTRIA AS ADDITIONAL EUROPEAN MEMBER, BUT STATED MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAD NO STRONG VIEWS ONE WAY OR THE OTHER. GARCIA ROBLES ALSO INDICATED THAT HE MIGHT BE ASKED BY MOJSOV TO HAVE INTERMEDIARY ROLE IN THE SELECTION OF ADDITIONAL CD MEMBERS. FISHER INDICATED POSSIBLE PROBLEMS RE CUBA, BUT OTHERWISE REMAINED NON-COMMITTAL RE US POSITION.

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